

The Sun.

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It is impossible.

Our acute contemporary, the Washington *Orion*, who always views things with an independent eye, asks a plain question:

"Does the *Sun* assert positively that Cleveland will not be the candidate in 1892?"

The only positive assertion that can be made is that Mr. CLEVELAND by no possibility can be the candidate of the Democratic party. The Democracy is not for him, and he is not for the Democracy.

If he should ever appear as a contestant for the Presidency again it would be as the champion of free trade, and if another nomination should be tendered to him by a National Democratic Convention, it would be because the free traders had obtained such an overwhelming control therein that the fundamental party sentiment had been suppressed, under the fanaticism of a faction unscrupulous with the essential principles which have been the vital spirit of this country since it first drew its own breath. Such a ticket would neither represent the ideas nor command the strength of the Democratic party.

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The Mayor's Appointments.

Some of them are very good. For example, Gen. James C. McKee is a gentleman worthy of any honor the Mayor might have conferred upon him. Mr. SEBASTIAN CRAM is also pretty certain to justify his selection as Dock Commissioner.

The appointment of Mr. CLARK, who has been chosen for the most important office of the list, Corporation Counsel, will not commend itself with favor. There will naturally be some disappointment because of the expectation that the Mayor would name instead Mr. BOURNE COCKRAN, a lawyer whose ability has been strong enough to show itself. However, Mr. Cram, who has ambition like other men, probably desired to assist his friend to rise like himself, and sees in the opportunities offered by the city Government the best means for affording him the chance.

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The Jews and the Anti-Semites.

Our late remarks as to the causes of the anti-Semitic movement have brought to us many letters from Jews, all of which have been marked by good sense and a fair spirit, and some have displayed a broad sentiment of humanity that is eminently Christian. But the persecution to which Sophia Roma, the Jewish youth, has been subjected because she had been baptized into the Christian faith shows that our liberal correspondents by no means represented the whole of their race, even if they did not speak for a minority of it only.

Father FRANK, baptized SOPHIA at her own request and while she lay at a hospital mortally ill, as she supposed. When she recovered unexpectedly, and her family learned of her change of faith, they first endeavored to persuade her to return to Judaism, and, failing in their purpose, began to threaten both her and the priests among whom she had obtained shelter. Yet she is 21 years of age, has been married, and is entirely competent to decide for herself questions of religion. Father FRANK, too, had a moral and legal right to baptize her and instruct her in Roman Catholic doctrine, and he would have been false to his duty as a priest if he had not done so. Neither of them, so far as now appears, was open to any just complaint on the part of SOPHIA's Jewish friends, and only from them did she suffer or will she suffer because of her change of religion. They pursued and threatened her and the priests simply because they hated Christianity, and unrepentantly that she had joined herself to them.

That is a spirit of bigotry and vindictiveness which does not belong to these days. It recalls the bitter religious animosities of the Middle Ages, and indicates that there is still among many of the Jews an implacable hatred of Christians. SOPHIA's family would rather see her dead than continue as a Christian, and their feeling for her has changed from affection to loathing. They have disowned her and driven her out as a traitor and a rebel, and can never return to their favor or even their society until she has forsaken Christianity and all alliance with Christians.

Yet the *Hebrew Journal*, in arguing that we miscomprehend the true animus of the anti-Semitic agitation, contends that the Jew will seem peculiar to Christians only as a Jew as they think of him as a Jew. "Think of him as a man," it says, "and you will find him just like other human beings." But how can Christians think of him otherwise than as a Jew when they find so many of the race exhibiting the bitter hatred of Christians as Christians, of which this case of Sophia Roma affords such striking an example? The *Hebrew Journal* labors to convince us that modern anti-Semitism, like the Middle Ages persecutions of the Jews, is based solely on religious prejudice and animosity, though its promoters declare that they have no such motives, and people of all Christian creeds and of no religious faith whatever are included among their number.

The truth is that in modern times Christians have very little prejudice and no violent animosity against Jews simply on account of their religion. Formal efforts to convert them to Christianity are still made on a large scale and at great cost, though with utterly insignificant results. But they have not been inspired by religious hatred. The sole motive is a sincere belief that only by becoming Christians can the Jews secure eternal salvation. The Jews may laugh at the enterprise as absurd and futile, but they cannot rightly regard it as unfriendly, for it is altogether altruistic.

The anti-Semitic movement has a different purpose, and it is not distinctively Christian. It cares nothing for the conversion of the Jews, and is based entirely on hostility to them as a race, to which it accredits ethical peculiarities and common characteristics that are objectionable. Therein, of course, it is unphilosophical, for there are moral differences between Jews, as there are among the people of other races. The Aryans, as the anti-Semites call themselves, have been beaten by the Jews, where they have been beaten, in a contest of wit, of endurance, of industry, of business sagacity, and of thrift; but all Jews have not these qualities, though stern necessity may have developed them among that race more than among the European races with whom it competes. It is true, too, as the *Hebrew Journal* says, that the Semitic blood

has been diluted by many conversions to Judaism from the time of the exodus from Egypt to the present day. More of such conversions are reported at this time than of conversions from Judaism to Christianity. There is also much Semitic blood in American families which has come down from intermarriage between Jews and Christians in the colonial period and later, the Jews probably having abandoned Judaism without embracing Christianity, as is the case so frequently in these days.

At this period the bitterness of religious animosity is displayed on the side of the Jews more particularly, and there is among them a race prejudice which is not less intense than that displayed by the anti-Semites themselves. That is proved conclusively by this case of SOPHIA ROMA, whose family and friends would rather see her dead than a Christian, and who treat her as a traitor to her religion and her race. There is no feeling parallel to that among Aryans. They are not a peculiar people like the Jews.

Of course this violent hatred of Christians is confined almost wholly to the more uneducated Jews. Very many of the enlightened deplore its continuance as injurious to their race, for they are anxious that the bars which separate Jews from other people should be thrown down. They want to see intermarriages, and the association of a particular religion with a particular race, and they are not in the least concerned with the essential principles which have been the vital spirit of this country since it first drew its own breath. Such a ticket would neither represent the ideas nor command the strength of the Democratic party.

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of having already taken practical steps to remove this source of mortification and peril. The Charleston, the first war vessel ever built on our Pacific coast, is a witness that with Government encouragement a shipbuilding plant has been established at San Francisco which will be a source of finance for the future. The same port has just been awarded the contract for the coast defense vessel, which is to be protected by heavy armor on her turrets and her low freeboard, and to carry as part of her armament as powerful a gun as any now mounted on any vessel. No doubt, when completed, she will be assigned to Pacific coast defense. Under a contract also arranged for by Mr. WHITNEY, three dynamite guns for the harbor of San Francisco will be ready and mounted for service there early next year. Finally, a Board of officers after examining sites for a new navy yard at the Northwest, under an act of the last Congress, has reported in favor of a point on Puget Sound; and this will involve fortifications for those waters.

In the report of the Fortifications Board, which arranged twenty-seven ports in order of urgency as points for beginning defensive works, San Francisco was placed second, coming immediately after New York; while Portland was placed eighteenth.

This Board estimated that at San Francisco for masonry and earthwork, armor, equipment, ordnance, and other charges, there should be expended \$15,569,000. In addition it proposed \$10,735,000 for floating batteries, \$444,150 for submarine mines, and \$1,080,000 for torpedo boats, making an aggregate of \$27,388,150 for the defenses of San Francisco. For Portland the proposed expenditure was \$2,919,000. In round numbers it may be said that \$30,000,000 would completely defend the Pacific coast at that system. Gen. MILLER's estimates before the committee were \$25,000,000; but apparently he was considering land defenses only. In any case the Pacific coast will doubtless be among the first portions of the seaboard to receive the appropriations for new forts and heavy guns.

The Fifty-first Congress will unquestionably take steps for coast defense in accordance with the memorable recommendations of Mr. SAMUEL J. TILDEN, which were too long neglected by those who should have given them the promptest heed.

The Foreign Pirate.

The law and regulations under which railroad companies are authorized to transport interstate transit traffic in bond, is merely permissive and in no sense mandatory.

It is therefore fully within the province of the Secretary of the Treasury to decide that he will not bond any of the subsidized alien military railroads of Canada, upon the business of the American railroads. Had he the courage to plant himself squarely on the doctrine of protection in the case of the Canadian Pacific?

Capt. NOYES of the ship *Coloma* reports that he has found three new islands, southeast of Japan, which are not marked on any chart. The rocky little specks are about a quarter of a mile from one another, and rise forty feet above the level of the sea. He says he would probably have been wrecked upon these unexpected impediments in his way if the night had not been beautifully clear. The Captain's inference that these rocks are recent upheavals is not necessarily correct, for the fact that one of the islands is covered with a forest of almost every variety of tree shows that there are discoveries yet to be made in the Pacific. It helps us to realize the immensity of these watery wastes when we hear from navigators that vessels may be steered through the most crowded island groups without coming in sight of land.

Governor HILL is said to burn a good deal of midnight oil at the Executive Mansion—*Chicago Herald*.

Then the Executive Mansion should be lighted with electricity, or better still in some respects, the Governor had better use an oil lamp.

The rapidity with which commercial enterprises are moving far up the Congo is not a little surprising. Dutch, French, and Belgian companies have established about twenty trading stations on the upper river, between Stanley and Stanley Falls. The Arabs, who are evidently not averse to the opinion Stanley expressed four years ago, that the upper river would not be worth a penny for trading purposes until the railroad was built around the catenars. A flourishing Dutch station is now at Stanley Falls, 1,300 miles up the river, where the Congo takes its last turn to the west. The Congo State buildings and drove the whites down the river. These traders own five steamers that are plying on the upper Congo. The caravan route along the catenars is being improved by placing large ferries at the principal points and bridging the smaller streams. The fact is that the most sanguine frontier trader of the Congo enterprise did not dream that the early stages of its development would so rapidly advance.

Our esteemed friend, the *Pioneer Press*, mentions the Hon. JOHN WAXMAKER as a prominent representative of the fifth estate. May we ask what the fifth estate is?

Yes, Chief Justice FULLER's prose style is much worse than Mr. EVARTS's. It is one of the most abominable prose styles that we have ever been called upon to examine. A clear thinker is almost always the writer of a lucid style. Some of the clearest thinkers the country has known have handed down from the place which Mr. FULLER now occupies judicial opinions that are masterpieces of simple and direct English.

We are inclined to think that the trouble is mainly in the Chief Justice's mustaches. The beard and the mustache, taken together, must occasion a serious strain on an intellect that is naturally of the sensitive and poetic order, rather than the robustly judicial. Sweeping down from below the brain in a multitude of points like the feathers of a spread-eagle's wings, the hairs of Mr. FULLER's deplorable mustaches constitute so many conductors and diffusers and scatterers of mental energy. Possibly he could write better English if he were to shave his face clean. Perhaps he could concentrate his thoughts and command a more pointed style if he were to limit himself to a beard of the BOULANGER pattern.

Geo. Miles on Pacific Defences.

The statement recently made by Gen. NELSON A. MILES at San Francisco before the Senate Committee on Canadian Trade Relations somewhat startled that body. Since the appointment of this officer to the command of the Department of the Pacific he has examined the defensive needs and possibilities of that coast, and he informed the committee, in response to its questions, that the so-called "defences" were worthless. Gen. Miles did not stop there, but went on to show how every important harbor could be made free from fear of foreign attack. For San Francisco he laid out three lines of defence, using rifled mortars, dynamite tubes, and long-range breech-loading guns. Ten points were named as included in this system, which, combined with floating defences, would make the city impregnable. The points at which Columbia River and Puget Sound could be protected were described in like manner. Admiralty Head and Point Wilson being prominently mentioned as sites for works.

To Secretary WHITNEY belongs the credit

SAMUEL J. RANDALL.

The Leader and Champion of Democracy as he Appears To-day.

From the Washington Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Congressman Samuel J. Randall, who was in very bad health at the close of the late Congress and quite ill since adjournment, is able to be about again, and to-day his well-known figure was seen on Pennsylvania avenue for the first time in many months. His stalwart form has lost something of its symmetry, and shows very plainly that the ex-Speaker has passed through a long and painful sickness; but his step is as firm and his eye as keen as ever. When he walks the streets passers by turn and look after him, seeing more than marks the crowd of common men—a tall, striking, dark-clad figure; an impressive face of the Roman type, somewhat thinner than of yore; eyes black, bright, and piercing, which Charles Lamb's, "look as if they could pick up pins and needles;" a perfectly shaped head, crowned with iron-gray hair inclined to curl; a firm-set, handsome mouth like Edwin Booth's. Altogether it is a face more such as nature seldom turns out at her potteries, a chance specimen of antique wars, one to a set.

The ex-Speaker is always grave. At times he looks gloomy and severe. A little like a Covenanter. His voice is that of one accustomed to command, clear, firm, positive, with very marked emphasis. He is not a man of many words. The title of his talk flows like Denham's River, "strong without rage; without overflowing, full." There is nothing about him that suggests haste or hurry. He comes and goes calmly and quickly like the phantom of Hamlet.

AN IMPORTANT LADY.

The President's Secretary, the First Woman Clerk, and the First House.

From the *Chicago Mail*.

Miss Alice B. Sanger is the first woman ever employed as a clerk in the White House. She is one of the most expert stenographers and typewriters in the city. She is about 22 or 23, and is inclined to be a blonde. She has large, light eyes, and a wealth of hair and a very sweet face. Whenever she speaks her

mouth breaks in smiles. She has a pleasant voice and is an accomplished musician. At the White House she is one of the family. She is secure in his confidence, having been his stenographer for years and years. All last summer Miss Sanger was the only stenographer employed at Harrison's home, and part of the time she was actually in the White House.

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